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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 18, 2002, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is an Associate Power of Attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34.

It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 7-19, with the following paragraph.

A/-The present invention satisfies this need and provides related advantages as well. In particular, the present invention features adhesion modulatory peptides which modulate the adhesion of specific cells or cell types based on the adhesion receptors expressed by the specific cell or cell type. The adhesion modulatory peptides are designed to promote and/or enhance the adhesion of specific cells or cell types based on the adhesion receptors expressed by the specific